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TAGS: OREP (WILSON, CHARLES H.)

SUBJECT: VISIT OF CODEL WILSON

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1. CONGRESSMEN CHARLES H. WILSON (D-CA), WILLIAM CLAY (D-MISSOURI) AND STAFF MEMBER MICHAEL F. CAVANAGH OF POST OFFICE AND CIVIL SERVICE COMMITTEE VISITED ATHENS JANUARY 1-9 AT CONCLUSION OF TRAVEL IN UAR.

2. AMBASSADOR AND KEY MEMBERS OF COUNTRY TEAM PROVIDED BRIEFING FOR CODEL AT EMBASSY ON JANUARY 2. SUBJECTS COVERED INCLUDED CURRENT STATE OF US-GREEK RELATIONS, STATUS OF BASE NEGOTIATIONS AND US MILITARY INSTALLATIONS IN GREECE, AND RELOCATIONS OF REGIONAL US BUSINESS OFFICES FROM BEIRUT TO ATHENS. INFORMAL DISCUSSION OF THESE AND OTHER ISSUES WAS CONTINUED DURING SMALL RECEPTION LATER AT RESIDENCE.

3. WHILE HERE, CODEL WILSON COMPLETED FULL SCHEDULE OF APPOINTMENTS WITH GREEK GOVERNMENT, LABOR AND POSTAL OFFICIALS. HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDED CALLS ON DEPUTY MINISTER OF TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS PANOURGHIS, GENERAL DIRECTOR OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS BENEKOS AND SENIOR OFFICIALS OF GREEK FEDERATION OF POSTAL EMPLOYEES. STAFF MEMBER CAVANAGH ALSO INSPECTED FACILITIES OF ATHENS POST OFFICE AND RAILWAY MAIL SORTING CENTER. MEETINGS DEVELOPED CONSIDERABLE INFORMATION ON GREEK

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POSTAL SERVICE, AND WERE WELCOMED BY GREEKS PARTICULARLY

LABOR UNION OFFICIALS.

4. CODEL ALSO HAD OPPORTUNITY TO MEET INFORMALLY WITH GROUP OF US BUSINESSMEN AT LUNCH HOSTED JANUARY 5 BY COMMERCIAL ATTACHE. GUESTS INCLUDED ESSO-PAPPAS CHAIRMAN TOM PAPPAS AND LOCAL MANAGERS OF TWA, GENERAL MOTORS, AND BANK OF AMERICA. DISCUSSION CENTERED ON LOCAL BUSINESS CONDITIONS AND POTENTIAL ROLE OF ATHENS AS MIDDLE EAST REGIONAL CENTER REPLACING BEIRUT.

5. CODEL WILSON DEPARTED FOR ROME JANUARY 9.

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